

**HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD**  
**RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**27 MAY 2004**

These minutes summarize the discussions and presentations from the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:10 P.M., Thursday, 27 May 2004 at Dago Mary's Restaurant (Building #916 at the Shipyard). A verbatim transcript was also prepared for the meeting and is available in the Information Repository for Hunters Point Shipyard (HPS) and on the Internet at [www.efds.w.navy.mil/Environmental/HuntersPoint.htm](http://www.efds.w.navy.mil/Environmental/HuntersPoint.htm). The list of agenda topics is provided below. Attachment A provides a list of attendees. Attachment B includes action items that were requested and/or committed to by RAB members during the meeting.

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

- 1) Welcome/Introductions/Agenda Review
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from 27 May 2004 RAB Meeting
- 3) Subcommittee Reports
- 4) RAB Community Co-chair Nominations
- 5) Update on HPS Radiological Program
- 6) Future Agenda Topics/Open Question & Answer
- 7) Adjournment

**MEETING HANDOUTS:**

- Agenda for 27 May 2004 RAB
- Meeting/Minutes from 22 April 2004 RAB Meeting
  - Includes: Action Items from 22 April 2004 RAB Meeting; and
  - Table 1, RAB Roll-Call Sheet
- PowerPoint Presentation, NAVSEA, HRA Update, 27 May 2004
- Monthly Progress Report, April 2004
- Meeting Minutes, HPS RAB, Economic Subcommittee, 04 May 2004 (w/attachment)
- Meeting Minutes, HPS RAB, Membership/Bylaws & Community Outreach Subcommittee, 12 May 2004 (w/attachment)
- Meeting Minutes, HPS RAB, Technical Review Subcommittee, 13 April 2004
- Meeting Minutes, HPS RAB, Technical Review Subcommittee, 18 May 2004 (w/attachment)
- Letter from ARC Ecology to Keith Forman, Draft Final Finding of Suitability to Transfer Parcel A, 24 May 2004
- Letter from ARC Ecology to Lynne Brown, Response to Lynne's e-mail regarding ARC Ecology's alleged conflict of interest, 26 May 2004
- Handout, Project Fact Sheet, Bayview Transportation Improvements Project
- Handout, Cancer Risks and Hazard Indices, IR 59-JAI, Parcel A -2002 PRGs
- Handout, Summary of Waste Consolidation at HPS, 27 May 2004
- Handout, Draft Revised Proposed RAB Rule, January 2004

**Welcome / Introductions / Agenda and Meeting Minutes Review**

Marsha Pendergrass, facilitator, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. All in attendance made self-introductions. Ms. Pendergrass began the meeting and asked if there were any changes to the minutes; of which there was one. Melita Rines, RAB member, said the minutes incorrectly state that the artist's studio that caught fire was behind Café Lola's, when in fact it was next to Café

1 Lola's. Ms. Pendergrass called for a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes and the  
2 minutes were approved.

3 Ms. Pendergrass reviewed the Action Items contained in the April minutes and asked for a status  
4 of each item. Two of the items were carried-over (see Attachment B) and the remainder of the  
5 action items were resolved to the satisfaction of the RAB.

### 6 **Navy and Community Co-Chair Reports/Other Announcements**

7 Keith Forman, Navy RAB Co-Chair, announced that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Technical Review  
8 Subcommittee will be discussing a time-critical removal action (TCRA). He requested that RAB  
9 members and community members try and attend that meeting. He also said that many  
10 subcommittee leaders have noted declining attendance in recent months. He asked for input on  
11 how to improve attendance at subcommittee meetings.

12 Lynne Brown, RAB Community Co-Chair, had no announcements.

13 **Reminder: The next RAB meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Thursday evening,**  
14 **24 June 2004 at Dago Mary's Restaurant, Building #916 on the Shipyard.**

### 15 **Subcommittee Updates**

#### 16 Technical Review Subcommittee (Lea Loizos, Leader)

17 Lea Loizos, RAB member, said the subcommittee met in May and meeting minutes from April  
18 and May are available as a handout. The tech subcommittee discussed the draft interim landfill  
19 gas monitoring and control plan and developed recommendations. Ms. Loizos briefly  
20 summarized the recommendations for the RAB. The subcommittee's recommendations are  
21 included in the meeting minutes. Ms. Loizos made a motion that the RAB approve the Technical  
22 Review Subcommittee's recommendations and forward them to the Navy. The motion carried.

23 Ms. Loizos said that the Technical Review Subcommittee will meet at 6:00 P.M., June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the  
24 Community Window on the Shipyard, 4634 Third Street.

#### 25 Economic Development Subcommittee (Maurice Campbell, Leader)

26 Maurice Campbell, RAB member, briefly summarized the subcommittee meeting and said  
27 meeting minutes are available as a handout. He said the primary issue that came out of the  
28 meeting was the need for local truckers to get the required HAZWOPER training to be able to  
29 haul hazardous waste from the Shipyard. Thirty three truckers have signed up for the training,  
30 which will be scheduled for some time in June.

31 Mr. Campbell said the next meeting of the subcommittee will be at 2:30 P.M., June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the  
32 Anna Waden Library.

#### 33 Ad-Hoc Radiological Subcommittee (Ahimsa Sumchai, Leader)

34 Ahimsa Sumchai, RAB member, said the subcommittee met yesterday but meeting minutes have  
35 not yet been prepared. She echoed the appeal for greater community and RAB member  
36 attendance at subcommittee meetings, and to those ends said she will schedule the next  
37 radiological subcommittee to occur during the evening.

38 Dr. Sumchai summarized the last subcommittee meeting. She said the subcommittee  
39 acknowledged the passing of Richard Lowman of the Navy's Radiological Affairs Support  
40 Office (RASO). She made motion to the RAB to formally change the name of the subcommittee  
41 to the Lowman Radiological Subcommittee of the Hunters Point Shipyard RAB. The motion was  
42 seconded by the RAB and carried.

1 Dr. Sumchai said the subcommittee also discussed the status of several buildings and FUDS  
2 (Formerly Utilized Defense Sites). She said that Laurie Lowman will probably be discussing the  
3 sites during her presentation later in the meeting. Dr. Sumchai said the subcommittee also  
4 discussed the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Phase I development at HPS. She  
5 said the document fails to address radiological issues and made a motion to the RAB requesting  
6 an addendum to the addendum to the Final EIR be made to incorporate radiological issues. There  
7 was some discussion around the motion related to requirements to trigger an addendum as well  
8 as who would be responsible for preparing the letter requesting that the addendum be generated.  
9 The motion was restated and carried.

10 The Lowman Radiological Subcommittee of the Hunters Point Shipyard RAB is tentatively  
11 scheduled to meet from 6-8:00 P.M. on June 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Greenhouse, located at 4919 Third Street,  
12 at Palou.

#### 13 Risk Review and Health Assessment Subcommittee (Karen Pierce, Leader)

14 Karen Pierce, RAB member, had no report.

15 Ms. Pierce said the next meeting of the subcommittee will be determined at a later date.

#### 16 Membership, Bylaws & Community Outreach Subcommittee (Melita Rines, leader)

17 Melita Rines, RAB member, said meeting minutes of the last subcommittee meeting are  
18 available as a handout. The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and San Francisco  
19 Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) attended the meeting and briefed the subcommittee on the status  
20 of the lease renegotiations.

21 Ms. Rines had two motions from the subcommittee both related to former RAB members who  
22 have reapplied to the RAB, both of whom were removed in the past few months due to absences.  
23 She made a motion to accept James Morrison. Mr. Morrison, alternate for RAB Member Barbara  
24 Bushnell, commented before the motion was voted upon that he objects to the current  
25 interpretation of the attendance section of the bylaws and the seemingly unwritten rules  
26 governing the RAB. Keith Tisdell, RAB member, and Ms. Rines said that every new RAB  
27 member is given a copy of the HPS RAB Bylaws when they join and furthermore the attendance  
28 rules have been fairly and consistently applied since the formation of the subcommittee.  
29 Nevertheless, the section on attendance will be examined and recommendations for changes will  
30 be made during the once per year opportunity to revise the Bylaws. Ms. Pendergrass closed the  
31 discussion and called for a vote to accept Mr. Morrison back onto the RAB. The motion carried 9  
32 ayes to 3 nays.

33 Ms. Rines made a second motion to accept Marie J. Franklin back onto the RAB.  
34 Ms. Pendergrass did not allow comment from Ms. Franklin since she was neither a current RAB  
35 member nor an alternate. The motion carried 13 ayes to 1 nay.

36 The next meeting of the Membership, Bylaws & Community Outreach Subcommittee will be  
37 6:30 P.M., June 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Anna Waden Branch Library.

#### 38 RAB Community Co-chair Nominations

39 Ms. Pendergrass opened the floor to nominations for RAB Community Co-chair. She explained  
40 that elections for the 12 month position will be held at the June RAB meeting and the process  
41 tonight will be to generate a list of candidates for that election. Any community RAB member is  
42 eligible to nominate themselves or any other community RAB member. Once the slate of  
43 potential candidates is completed, Ms. Pendergrass will give each nominee the opportunity to  
44 accept or decline the nomination.

1 The following four candidates accepted the nomination for the June 2004 election for RAB  
2 Community Co-chair; Maurice Campbell, J.R. Manuel, Ahimsa Sumchai, and Keith Tisdell.

3 Break called at 6:55 P.M. Ms. Pendergrass called the meeting back to order at 7:05 P.M.

#### 4 **Update on HPS Radiological Program**

5 Laurie Lowman, Navy RASO, began by expressing gratitude to the RAB for their cards, gifts,  
6 and well-wishes regarding the passing of her husband, Richard Lowman. She read a note that he  
7 had written to the RAB before he passed away, and then segued into the evening's presentation.

8 Ms. Lowman said the topic of her presentation will be an update on the Historical Radiological  
9 Assessment (HRA), which is now in the draft final stage. It was published in February 2004 and  
10 the public comment period closed on 27 April 2004. RASO responses to comments was initially  
11 due on 11 June 2004 but Ms. Lowman has requested a 30-day extension of the due-date on  
12 account of her personal circumstances surrounding her husband's passing. Ms. Lowman said  
13 comments were sent in by regulators, various Navy commands, Arc Ecology, and Dr. Sumchai,  
14 among others. Ms. Lowman mentioned some of the comments such as minor discrepancies in the  
15 identification of buildings, building sites, and Installation Restoration (IR) sites on the HRA  
16 tables. For example, Building 322 was listed as having existed in Parcel D and Parcel A and  
17 needed explanation. There was request for more information related to Operation Crossroads and  
18 impacted sites resulting from related activities. Also requested was more floor plans included in  
19 the HRA along with detailed diagrams of sanitary sewer systems, specific to each parcel. Ms.  
20 Lowman listed a few other comments and said the one most specifically mentioned was the last  
21 sentence in the document which stated "To date, no evidence has been identified that would  
22 indicate that shipyard tenants, the surrounding community, and the environment are at risk from  
23 previous radiological activities at HPS." She said the HRA team will be looking closely at that  
24 assessment, the wording, and the conclusions when preparing the response to comments.

25 Ms. Lowman then went into more detail on a few of the comments. She said that Building 322  
26 had originally been located on Parcel D and was moved to Parcel A in 1959. She said there were  
27 no radiological operations in Building 322 when it was in Parcel A and it was used as the north  
28 gate pass office from 1968. Ms. Lowman said a radiological disposition survey is currently  
29 ongoing because minimal cesium contamination was identified at the Parcel D location – though  
30 that has previously been remediated. The Bldg 322 survey will help to eliminate any doubt  
31 concerning possible radiological residual contamination in the structure prior to moving forward  
32 with the transfer of Parcel A. Ms. Lowman also showed photographs documenting the survey  
33 process and she explained what isotopes were investigated. She concluded that, to date, the  
34 disposition survey has found no contamination. Ms. Lowman also explained the IR-59 JAI site  
35 located on the hill at Parcel A. She said that a previous investigation noted the presence of  
36 sandblast grit during the 1995 remedial investigation. Currently a vacant lot, the IR-59 JAI was  
37 formerly the site of four Quonset huts that were constructed between 1935-1948 and were  
38 removed prior to 1977. Ms. Lowman said her research suggests the huts were most likely used as  
39 residential sites. The sandblast grit was discovered in 1994 while making repairs to a water line  
40 broken during an excavation. The conclusion was that the grit was originally used as backfill for  
41 a utility trench repair on a sanitary sewer line servicing the Quonset huts. Samples of the  
42 sandblast grit were collected and analyzed for chemical contamination but no radiological  
43 analysis was done. The 1994 remedial investigation states that all of the grit was removed and  
44 disposed of. Ms. Lowman said reports have been prepared, and are currently in various states of  
45 review, which will address some of the other comments that were received for areas such as  
46 IR-02 northwest and central (the metal slag/metal reef area), the PCB hot spot soil excavation,  
47 and the Building 819 equipment dismantling, removal and packaging.

1 Moving on, Ms. Lowman listed the priorities for all the sites at the Shipyard with remaining  
2 radiological work to be completed. Proceeding in parcel order, She said that Parcel A priorities,  
3 include Buildings 813 and 819 which are now located in Parcel D as a result of recently  
4 redrawing the boundary line, have pretty well been resolved as a result of the parcel boundary  
5 revision. The next priority is Parcel B, followed by Parcels D, C, E, and F (the underwater  
6 parcel). Priority 1 sites within Parcel B are Buildings 114, 140, the discharge tunnel associated  
7 with Dry Dock 3, Building 142, Building 146, Building 157, and IR-07 and IR-18. Priority 2  
8 sites for Parcel B include Dry Docks 5 and 6 and the associated ship's berths, and Priority 3  
9 sites include the ship's berths not associated with the dry docks, the Parcel B sanitary sewer and  
10 the stormdrain lines. Similar lists of Priority 1, 2, and 3 sites and buildings have been prepared  
11 for Parcels D, C, E and F, and Ms. Lowman concluded her presentation by presenting the lists  
12 item by item.

13 Ms. Pendergrass opened the floor for questions from the RAB. Amy Brownell, RAB member  
14 San Francisco Department of Public Health, asked if the Navy will complete one parcel before  
15 moving on to the next or if there will be simultaneous work. Ms. Lowman said it will be  
16 simultaneous across parcels, but there is a concerted effort to address all the Priority 1 sites first.

17 Dr. Sumchai said she is not convinced that the Parcel A sanitary sewer and stormdrain system is  
18 free of radiological impaction. Furthermore, she said that the history of the IR-59 JAI Quonset  
19 huts is cause for concern until their exact use is confirmed. Until those issues are resolved, she  
20 said that the transfer of Parcel A should not move forward. Dr. Sumchai asked what radiological  
21 operations were occurring in Building 322 on Parcel D. Ms. Lowman said that Building 322 was  
22 used for radiation survey instrument repair and calibration. Various check sources were used  
23 there and that is why it is included in the HRA.

24 Ray Tompkins, RAB member, commented, with regard to the sanitary sewer, that,  
25 hypothetically, in the event of a clog downstream, potentially radiological materials could have  
26 "backed-up" and contaminated buildings not associated with NRDL. He stated that the entire  
27 sanitary sewer system should be surveyed, not just those buildings associated with NRDL.  
28 Ms. Lowman replied that the Navy will survey the sewer lines of those buildings associated with  
29 NRDL, but surveying all buildings and all sewer lines is not warranted.

30 Mr. Manuel asked if the sandblast grit at IR-59 JAI was believed to have been new or used.  
31 Ms. Lowman replied that the report indicated paint chips were observed in the grit.

32 Mr. Campbell asked where the sewer lines terminated that served the D-series buildings formerly  
33 on what is now Mariner's Village. Ms. Lowman said that Buildings D19, 20, and 21 were used  
34 by NRDL for administrative purposes only, such as payroll. Buildings D22 and 23 were used by  
35 the Public Works and Supply Department for the Shipyard. Due to the facts that the sites are  
36 managed under the FUDS program, the buildings have long since been demolished, and the  
37 roads have been completely reconfigured Ms. Lowman stated that it would be difficult to go in  
38 and survey the sewer system sites. Furthermore, it would be difficult to justify doing so given  
39 their previous history.

40 Mr. Tisdell asked how much sandblast grit remained scattered on the site, reported as "minor" in  
41 the report. Pat Brooks, Navy Lead Remedial Project Manager, said the report stated that the  
42 sandblast grit was removed by backhoe and by hand. He said the smaller areas were removed by  
43 shovel and therefore any remaining sandblast grit is truly inconsequential.

44 Ms. Pendergrass closed the question and answer period.

## **Future Agenda Topics**

Aside from the standard agenda topics and subcommittee updates, the following topics were proposed for the May RAB meeting:

- Elections for RAB Community Co-Chair
- A discussion/review of the proper RAB subcommittee structure

## **Other Discussions/Topics**

The following items were also discussed at the RAB meeting. A verbatim account of these discussions is included in the Information Repository for HPS and may also be found on the HPS web page at [www.efdsdsw.navfac.navy.mil/Environmental/HuntersPoint.htm](http://www.efdsdsw.navfac.navy.mil/Environmental/HuntersPoint.htm)

- Mr. Tompkins requested that the RAB be shown the former ammunition storage bunker reported to be under the hill. It was put as an Action Item that the RAB would like a field trip to view the site.
- Saul Bloom, attendee, Arc Ecology, said the Department of Defense is in the process of creating a new RAB rule. He said the public comment period is closed but he urged the RAB to review the proposed changes. He provided copies of the proposed RAB rule change.
- Mr. Bloom also said he prepared a written response on behalf of Arc Ecology responding to Mr. Brown's comments from a previous RAB meeting. Copies were made available as a handout.
- Mark Podhurecki, attendee, said he is a resident living in close proximity to the Shipyard. He asked when the radiological remediation activities will be conducted and what assurance will the public have that they will be protected. Ms. Pendergrass said that many of his concerns have been addressed in previous RAB meetings and he may wish to review the meeting minutes from those RAB meetings. She also said he could discuss his concerns with the RAB Co-chairs.
- Deborah Santana, attendee, asked if the HRA discussed activities associated with Operation Hardtack. Ms. Lowman replied that there are no records of Operation Hardtack ships coming to Hunters Point Shipyard.
- Mr. Tisdell requested that anybody observing the Police Department conducting activities on Parcel A to please report that information to Mr. Forman.

There were no further announcements. Ms. Pendergrass closed the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of Richard Lowman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Reminder: The next RAB meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Thursday evening, 24 June 2004 at Dago Mary's Restaurant, Building #916 on the Shipyard.**

ATTACHMENT A

27 MAY 2004 - RAB MEETING  
LIST OF ATTENDEES

Name	Association
1. Christine M. Niccoli	Niccoli Reporting, court reporter
2. Marsha Pendergrass	Pendergrass & Associates
3. Keith Forman	<b>Navy, RAB Co-chair</b>
4. Pat Brooks	Navy, Lead Remedial Project Manager
5. Laura Lowman	Navy, Radiological Affairs Support Office (RASO)
6. Ralph Pierce	Navy
7. Lee Saunders	Navy, Public Affairs Office (PAO)
8. Matthew Slack	Navy, RASO
9. Peter Stroganoff	Navy, ROICC Office
10. Lynne Brown	<b>RAB Community Co-chair</b> , Communities for a Better Environment, CFC
11. Maurice Campbell	RAB member, BDI, CFC, New California Media
12. Charles Dacus	RAB member, R.O.S.E.S.
13. Chris Hanif	RAB member, Young Community Developers
14. Mitsuyo Hasegawa	RAB member, JRM Associates
15. Lisa Laulu	RAB member, All Islanders Gather as One
16. Lea Loizos	RAB member, ARC Ecology
17. Kevyn Lutton	RAB member, resident
18. J.R. Manuel	RAB member, JRM Associates
19. Jesse Mason	RAB member, CFC
20. James Morrison *	Alternate for RAB member Barbara Bushnell
21. Georgia Oliva	RAB member, CBE, CCA member
22. Karen Pierce	RAB member, BVHP Democratic Club, HEAP
23. Melita Rines	RAB member, India Basin Neighborhood Association
24. Sam Ripley	RAB member, Samoan American Media Services
25. Ahimsa Sumchai	RAB member, BVHP Health and Environmental Resource Center
26. Keith Tisdell	RAB member, resident
27. Raymond Tompkins	RAB member, BVHP Coalition on the Environment
28. Leilani Wright	RAB member, JRM Associates
29. Amy Brownell	RAB member, SF Dept of Public Health
30. Jackie Lane	RAB member, US EPA
31. Tom Lanphar	RAB member, Dept Toxic Substances Control
32. Jim Ponton	RAB member, Regional Water Quality Control Board
33. Michael Work	RAB member, US EPA
34. Saul Bloom	Arc Ecology
35. Paul Bouchard	Industrial Metals Corp
36. Michael Boyd	CARE/EMU
37. Andrew Bozeman	Southeast Sector Community Development
38. Patricia Brown	Shipyard artist
39. Debra Carroll	The Point
40. Francisco Da Costa	Environmental Justice Advocacy
41. Peg Divine	SF Dept of Public Works
42. Steve Edde	Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc
43. Paul Egreegas	Young Community Developers
44. Benjamin Feick	Waste Solutions Group
45. Marie J. Franklin	Shoreview Environmental Justice Movement, Inc.
46. William Haney	New World Technology
47. Rene Gonzalvez	

48. Carolyn Hunter	Tetra Tech EM Inc
49. Marques Jones	YCD
50. Ronald Keichline	Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc
51. Henry Lauf	
52. Aaron Misas	Local
53. Debra Moore	Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc
54. Sherlina Nageer	Literacy for Environmental Justice
55. Mark Podhurecki	Local
56. Dennis Robinson	Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc
57. Deborah Santana	Mills College Ethnic Studies Dept
58. Matthew L. Shaps, Esq.	Paul Hastings LLP for Lennar
59. Julia Vetromile	Tetra Tech EM Inc
60. Peter Wilsey	SF Dept of Public Health



**ATTACHMENT B****27 MAY 2004 - RAB MEETING  
ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Person/Agency Committing to Action Item</b>	<b>Resolution Status</b>
Carry-Over Items				
1.	Navy to notify David Terzian and Navy Caretaker Site Office prior to removal of AMC's cranes at Dry Dock 4	TBD	Navy/ Keith Forman	
2.	M. Work to report to the RAB Health Subcommittee about which studies went into establishing the PRGs for manganese	June RAB	EPA/ Michael Work	
New Items				
1.	RAB would like the Navy to consider arranging a field trip to view the former ammunition storage bunker located under the hill	June RAB	Navy	